

Advancement of Science, etc. New (2d) edition, revised and enlarged. In one octavo volume of 795 pages, with 339 engravings and three full-page colored plates. Cloth, \$4.00, net. Lea Brothers & Co., publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1905.

The most notable addition to this second edition is the chapters dealing with Pathological Physiology. At the ends of the chapters on Circulation and Blood, Respiration, Digestion, Metabolism and Excretion follow concise sub-chapters on their pathologic physiology, while within the body of the chapters on Special Senses and Nervous System their pathology is discussed. This addition is admirable, especially for medical students. The relationship and importance of normal physiology to pathologic changes in the different systems is one which has been too much neglected in the past. The chapters on Digestion, Absorption and Metabolism contain the latest knowledge in these ever-changing subjects. It is a comprehensive but a concise text-book, and one which can be recommended to students and practitioners.

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The Pharmacopeia of the United States of America, Eighth Decennial Revision.—Official from September 1, 1905. Philadelphia, P. Blakiston's Son & Co. San Francisco sub-agency, Payot, Upham & Co., 100 Battery street. Price, cloth bound, \$2.50.

Elsewhere in this number of the JOURNAL will be found matter relating to the Pharmacopeia, and the Publication Committee has decided to publish articles from month to month on subjects pertinent thereto. The enormous value which the Pharmacopeia should have to every practicing physician is too little appreciated. No conscientious physician should be without a copy, or should fail to read it carefully and to study it constantly. Get a copy of Bulletin No. 23, U. S. P. H. and M. H. Service, and a copy of the Pharmacopeia, and see how you have been lied to and victimized by the irresponsible agents of various "manufacturing" houses.

Concepts of the Electrical Phenomena of Planetary Systems. A monograph Applying a Fundamental Hypothesis to Astronomical Facts.—By GEORGE ADAM. The San Francisco News Company, 1905. Price, 75 cents.

Publishing Medical Journals for Private Profit or for the Profession.

There is a splendid, and perhaps unexpected result of the plan of the American Medical Association as to non-secrecy in the drugs used or advertised to the profession. It has forced into the open, or will inevitably do so, the concealed journalistic supporters of the nostrum traffic. By doing this, it will as certainly expose the so-called medical journals which do not care a fig for the medical profession they have so long deceived and exploited, and which have been published solely for the financial benefit of the owners and their compliant editors. One can never cease hammering that in the professional use and control, indeed in the professional ownership of its medical literature, lies a vast deal of the progress of medical ethics, art and science. The action of the American Medical Association cuts sharp and clear with these pseudos, and says: "On this side the sheep, upon that the goats." One of our contemporaries has come out frankly and says: "We are heart and soul with the goats, and for profits in the advertising business." Another gibes at the attempts of the "reformers," "the cackle of some young and eager reformers," criticises, charges with many innuendos that some of the American Medical Association council members are in the pay of manufacturing companies, and otherwise shows plainly its sympathies, "letting 'I dare not wait upon 'I would.'" Come, now, gentlemen—journalists, editors, publishers, subscribers and contributors—no befogging will avail. Choose your party! Physicians must know where you stand, and writers of medical articles must know where to send them for publication.—*American Medicine*.

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